

**EXHIBIT A: AMENDMENTS TO
U.S. PATENT APPLICATION SERIAL NO. 09/506,665
(ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. 6670/OG728-US0)**

SUBMITTED PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(1) and § 1.121(b)(1)

Abstract

A[n] [improved] rake made of a first rake part having a handle and a first rake head section connected to one end of the handle, and a second rake part having a second rake head section. The second rake part is detachably connected to the first rake part in a manner to have the first and second rake head sections form a full rake head. The second rake part is detachable from the first rake part for use alone, or with the first rake part to grasp a pile of debris.

Title

[IMPROVED RAKE] RAKE WITH DETACHABLE HEAD

Claims

2. (Amended) A rake comprising: [as claimed in claim 1 wherein:]

a [the] first rake part, having a handle with a longitudinal axis, a first rake head section connected to one end of the handle and [has] a tubular member adjacent and parallel to a rear portion of a side wall of the first rake head section for receiving the one end of the handle;
and

a

a second, separate, rake part, having a second rake head section wherein the second rake part has a semi-cylindrical member attached to the second rake head section, said semi-cylindrical member being sized and positioned to cover, and fit onto, the tubular member and at least one portion of the handle when the first and second rake parts are connected together;
cooperating connecting means on both rake parts to detachably connect the second rake part to the first rake part to have the first and second rake head sections side-by-side forming a full-size, rake head at the one end of the handle; and
the connected rake parts forming the rake for use to rake debris into a pile, the detached rake parts being useful to grasp between them and transfer the pile of debris.

10. (Amended) A rake as claimed in claim 9, wherein the inner side walls of the first and second rake parts are complementary and abut[s] when the rake parts are connected together, thereby forming the aligning means.

15. (Amended) A rake as claimed in claim [1]2, wherein said rake further comprises:
aligning means on the rake parts to align said rake parts longitudinally when connected together.

A